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**TO:** Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

**FROM:** Angélica Infante-Green, Commissioner *a. Infante*

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Necessity of School Construction: Westerly

The Council on Elementary and Secondary Education has as one of its responsibilities reviewing and certifying the need for school construction projects to be reimbursed through the school housing aid program and the SBA Capital Fund. Most large projects are supported by bonds and are comprehensive projects with major renovation and/or new construction components. Article 9 of the FY16 State Budget lifted the moratorium on school construction, created the School Building Authority (SBA) at the RI Department of Education, created the SBA Capital Fund, and changed the multi-stage Necessity of School Construction application to an annual process. Because of this, the Council will be asked to review and approve projects annually at the end of each fiscal year.

At this meeting, the Council is being asked to approve Necessity of School Construction applications. A chart summarizing Westerly School District's projects is provided in Attachment 1.

**RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approve the necessity of school construction projects for the Westerly Public Schools totaling \$74,284,759 pursuant to 16-7-41.1 as follows (please note that when the applicable reimbursement share ratios are applied to the estimated total project costs noted below, the state share is expected to be \$25,999,666, which includes \$5,454,081 in pay-as-you-go funding):**

**Westerly:**

**a. Districtwide Repairs:**

i.	Dunn's Corner School	\$ 13,544,489
ii.	Springbrook Elementary School	\$ 7,081,444
iii.	State Street Elementary School	\$ 37,323,668
iv.	Tower Street School	\$ 29,849
v.	Westerly Middle School	\$ 219,250
vi.	Westerly High School	\$ 13,880,571
vii.	Districtwide Security Repairs	\$ 2,205,488